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SAN DIEGO CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL AGUIRRE NAMED ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S "TOP 100" LAWYERS

San Diego, CA: The *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, one of the nation's preeminent legal newspapers, has included San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre in its 2005 list of the Top 100 Lawyers in California. This list, which is compiled annually to highlight the state's most influential legal practitioners and academics, reflects analysis by reporters who reviewed the year's biggest cases, deals, and controversies and then interviewed members of the legal community and other sources.

"I am honored to be included in the company of such outstanding lawyers," Aguirre said. Some of the other San Diego area attorneys appearing on the list are U.S. Attorney Carol Lam, David S. Casey, Jr., and Harvey R. Levine.

In making its award, the *Daily Journal* cited, among other things, City Attorney Aguirre's 2001 \$70 million recovery for victims of First Pension Corporation's investment fraud. The list appears in today's statewide "EXTRA" supplement of the *Daily Journal*, the state's largest-circulation legal publication.

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